

# Federal Network for Sustainability

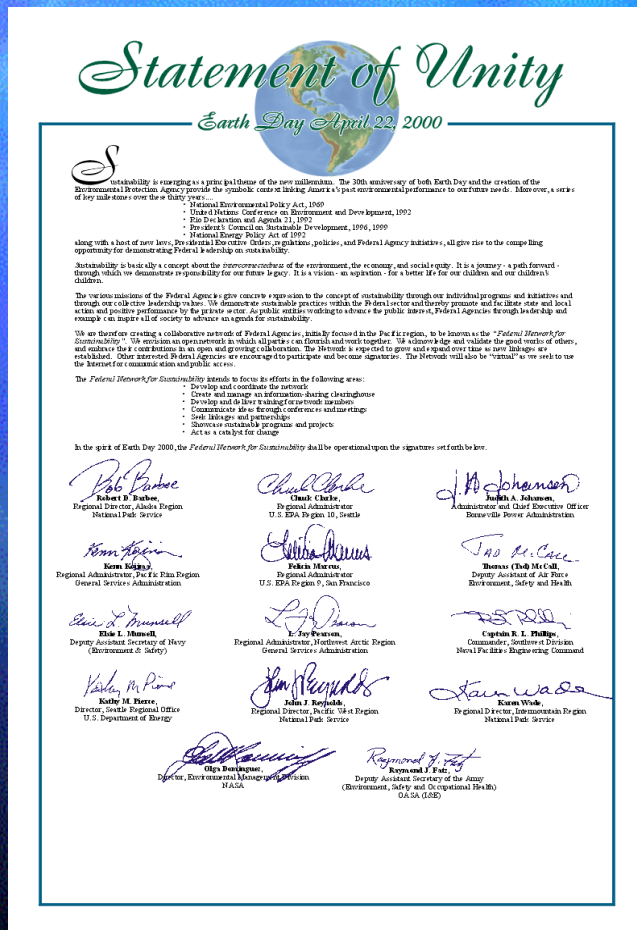
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Demonstrating  
Federal Leadership in the  
Western United States



# Statement of Unity Signed Earth Day, 2000



- Signed by the western regional offices of these agencies:
- EPA, 2 Regions
- NPS, 3 Regions
- GSA, 2 Regions
- US Navy
- US Air Force
- US Dept. of Energy
- BPA
- NASA
- US Army

**New Members  
Welcome!**



# Why 'Sustainability'?

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- Creates a **Long Term Approach** to environmental protection and process improvements
- **Prevents Pollution** from the Start
- Calls for **Systems Thinking**, (e.g. the interconnectedness of the economy, environment and social concerns).
- Helps identify a **Strategy or Framework**
- **Leverages Scarce Resource\$**



# Purpose of Federal Network for Sustainability

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- Leadership!
- Develop and Coordinate Network
- Create and Manage an information-sharing clearinghouse
- Develop and Deliver training for network members



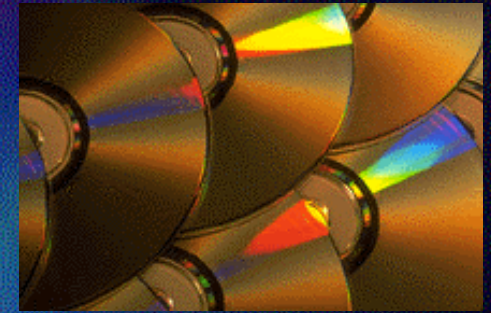
# Purpose of Federal Network for Sustainability, Cont.

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- Communicate Ideas through conferences and meetings
- Seek Linkages and Partnerships
- Develop and Showcase Sustainable Programs
- Act as a Catalyst for Change



# Primary Areas of Focus



## ■ Using the Power of Government as Consumer!

The United States is the world's largest purchaser of consumer products.





# Primary Areas of Focus, Cont.

- Green Purchasing, Affirmative Procurement, Environmentally Preferable Purchasing.....



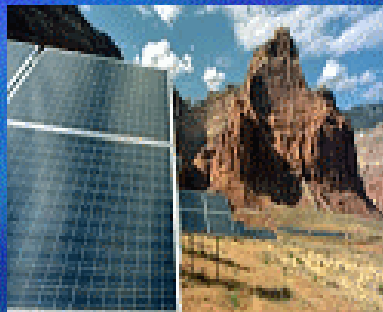
Purchasing "...products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose..." E.O. 13101



# Primary Areas of Focus, Cont.

## ■ Green Power

Purchasing electricity generated from renewable sources, including solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, landfill gas and small hydropower.



■ Photo courtesy of Mike Nelson, WSU Energy Policy Office





# Primary Areas of Focus, Cont.

## ■ Greening Government: Using Environmental Management Plans

Government using sustainability principles as a framework to manage its own consumption and waste generation practices.





# Other Areas of Focus

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- **Showcasing** -- Marketing and Communications about Federal sustainability success stories
- **Training** and Sustainability education using internet technologies
- **Endorsing, Supporting and Encouraging** Federal sustainability projects



# Drivers for Change

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- RCRA Section 6002
- Pollution Prevention Act of 1990
- Energy Policy Act of 1992
- Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR)
- Executive Orders
- Individual Agency/Departmental policies
- It's the Right Thing To Do!



# Executive Orders

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- **E.O. 13101**, Sept. 16, 1998 Waste Prevention and Federal Acquisition
- **E.O. 13123**, June 8, 1999 Efficient Energy Management
- **E.O. 13148** April 26, 2000 Leadership in Environmental Management
- **E.O. 13149** April 26, 2000 Federal Fleet and Transportation Efficiency
- **E.O. 13150** April 26, 2000 Federal Workforce Transportation



# Benefits of Participation

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- Leadership and Peer Recognition
- Direct Cost Saving\$ -- Often with Superior Performance
- Sharing and Networking
- Progress Towards Implementation of Executive Orders



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- **Reduced Bureaucracy** by leveraging resource\$
- **Access to Existing Expertise**
- **Shared Training** and Coordination with Federal Agencies
- **Increased Employee Enthusiasm** and Support





# Specific Projects

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- Green Power Summit Conferences in San Diego and Seattle, September, 2000
- Federal Product Stewardship Electronics Initiative
- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Training, December, 2000



# An Example: Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Project

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- FNS Can highlight and encourage the US EPA Environmentally Preferable Purchasing (EPP) program. [www.epa.gov/oppt/epp](http://www.epa.gov/oppt/epp)
- There are over 27 ongoing/completed Federal projects to learn from
  - numerous product/service categories -- from building materials, to custodial services and office equipment to cleaners
  - FNS members can leverage lessons and expertise to initiate their own projects



## Other Specific Projects, Cont.

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- Develop useful educational materials for use by other Federal Agencies
- Sponsor training on Environmental Management Systems (EMS)
- Showcase Federal Sustainability "Success Stories" via web, electronic newsletter and conferences



# What FNS is REALLY About:

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- Achieving Sustainability by Improving Performance and Service through **Leadership** and **Example**



# How to Get Involved

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- Contact Curtis Framel, Department of Energy at (206) 553-7841, [curtis.framel@ee.doe.gov](mailto:curtis.framel@ee.doe.gov)
- Attend FNS supported Conferences, Meetings and Trainings
- Sign the Statement of Unity
- Join our email listserv
- Tell us your success stories, and we'll help you get the word out to others!





"As public entities working to advance the public interest, Federal Agencies through leadership and example can inspire all of society to advance an agenda for sustainability."

